

New Flights to Far East Countries by Air India.

3028. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have increased the flights of the Air India to different Far East Counties;

(b) if so, the details of the routes on which new flights have been introduced;

(c) whether all these new routes are remunerative; and

(d) if not, the reasons for introducing new flights on those routes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Air India have increased their flights from 7 per week to 10 per week on the India-Singapore route and from 4 per week to 6 per week on India-Japan route.

(c) The increase was made effective only 6 weeks ago (i.e. from 27.10.1991) which is too short a period to assess the profitability.

(d) Does not arise.

Mausoleum of Khawaja Nizamuddin Aulla

3029. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some sandalwood pillars of the mausoleum of the sufi-saint Khawaja Nizamuddin Aulia have been removed;

(b) whether some individuals/organisa-

tions were involved in the removal of these precious pillars and replaced them by white marble columns; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter was taken up with the Deputy Commissioner of Police, South District, Delhi. The original wooden pillars of the Mausoleum of the Sufi Saint Khawaja Nizamuddin Aulia replaced by marble columns are in Toshkhana of the Dargah.

Railway Projects Pending For Execution

3030. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise number of approved projects pending for execution and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken for the early execution of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) 4 approved proposals are pending due to constraint of resources. The zone-wise break up is as under:-

N.E.	Railway	2
N.F.	Railway	1
S.E.	Railway	1

(b) The works will be progressed as soon as resource position improves and some of the major projects on hand are completed